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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**DCR to Present Tree City USA Awards to 83 Massachusetts
Communities**

National Grid to Receive Tree Line USA Award

Boston – Tomorrow, Department of Conservation and Recreation Deputy Commissioner (DCR) Matthew Sisk will present the Arbor Day Foundation's 2014 Tree City USA Award to 83 Massachusetts communities for their dedication to urban forestry management, and a Tree Line USA Award to utility provider National Grid in recognition of the company's practices in utility arboriculture. The Tree City USA and Tree Line USA programs are sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, and are administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Who: DCR Deputy Commissioner Matthew Sisk

What: The presentation of the 2014 Tree City USA Award to 83 communities, and the Tree Line USA award to National Grid.

Where: The Red Barn at Hampshire College, 893 West St, Amherst, MA 01002

When: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 9:00am – 3:00pm

Communities to receive Tree City USA recognition include: Acton, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Beverly, Boston, Boxford, Brockton, Brookline, Cambridge, Chatham, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Chicopee, Danvers, Dedham, Duxbury, Easton, Fall River, Falmouth, Framingham, Grafton, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Hanscom AFB, Haverhill, Hingham, Holyoke, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Leominster, Lexington, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medford, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, Newburyport, Newton, Northampton, Orleans, Peabody, Petersham, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Reading, Salem, Saugus, Sheffield, Somerville, South Hadley, Springfield, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sutton, Swampscott, Wakefield, Walpole, Warren, Watertown, Wellesley, West Bridgewater, West Springfield, Westborough, Weston, Westover AFB, Weymouth, Winchester, and Worcester.

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